

COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT BOARD

Potential definitions of “economically distressed communities”

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ASSESSING BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

To support the Metro Council in reviewing nominations for the Community Oversight Board, the Planning Department has identified five potential definitions of economically distressed communities. This document reports on these five potential definitions, including a map of Census tracts in the County included in each definition. Page 7 includes a composite map showing how many definitions each Census tract in the County meets. Page 8 includes a brief overview of how other cities in the U.S. identify similar goals, based on publicly available information.

Once nominations are received by the Metro Clerk, Planning staff will determine which definitions, if any, each nominee’s address meets. Planning staff will report back to the Clerk the results for all addresses by January 4, 2019.



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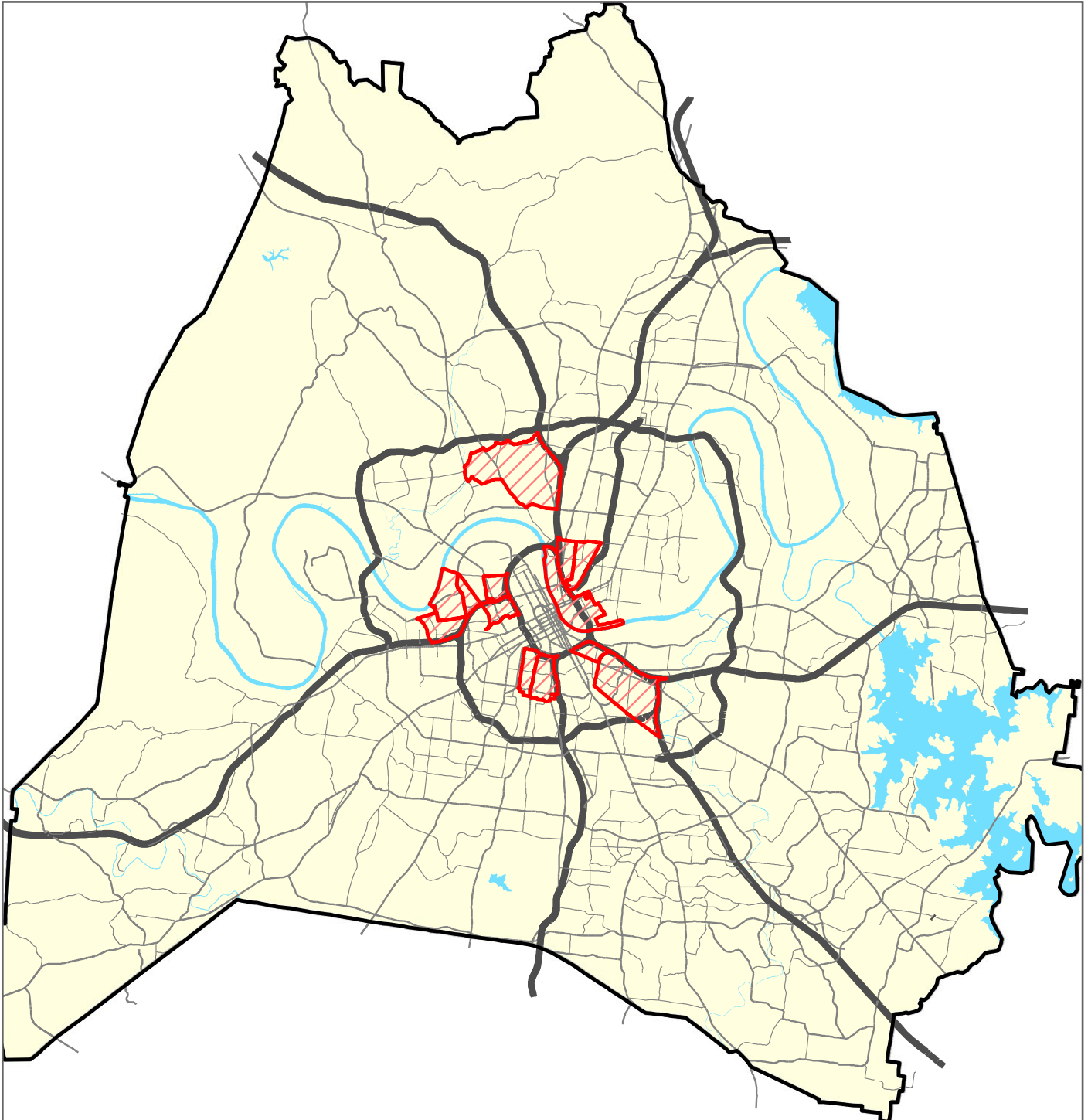
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Method 1

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MICROLOAN REGULATIONS

Based on a SBA program that targets a counties or equivalent divisions.

CRITERIA	DATA SOURCE
At least 40% of residents have an income at or below poverty level	Planning Department calculation based on American Community Survey, 2012–2016 5-year estimates.
COVERAGE	
■ 12/141 Census Tracts.	
■ 5.3% of Davidson County's population	

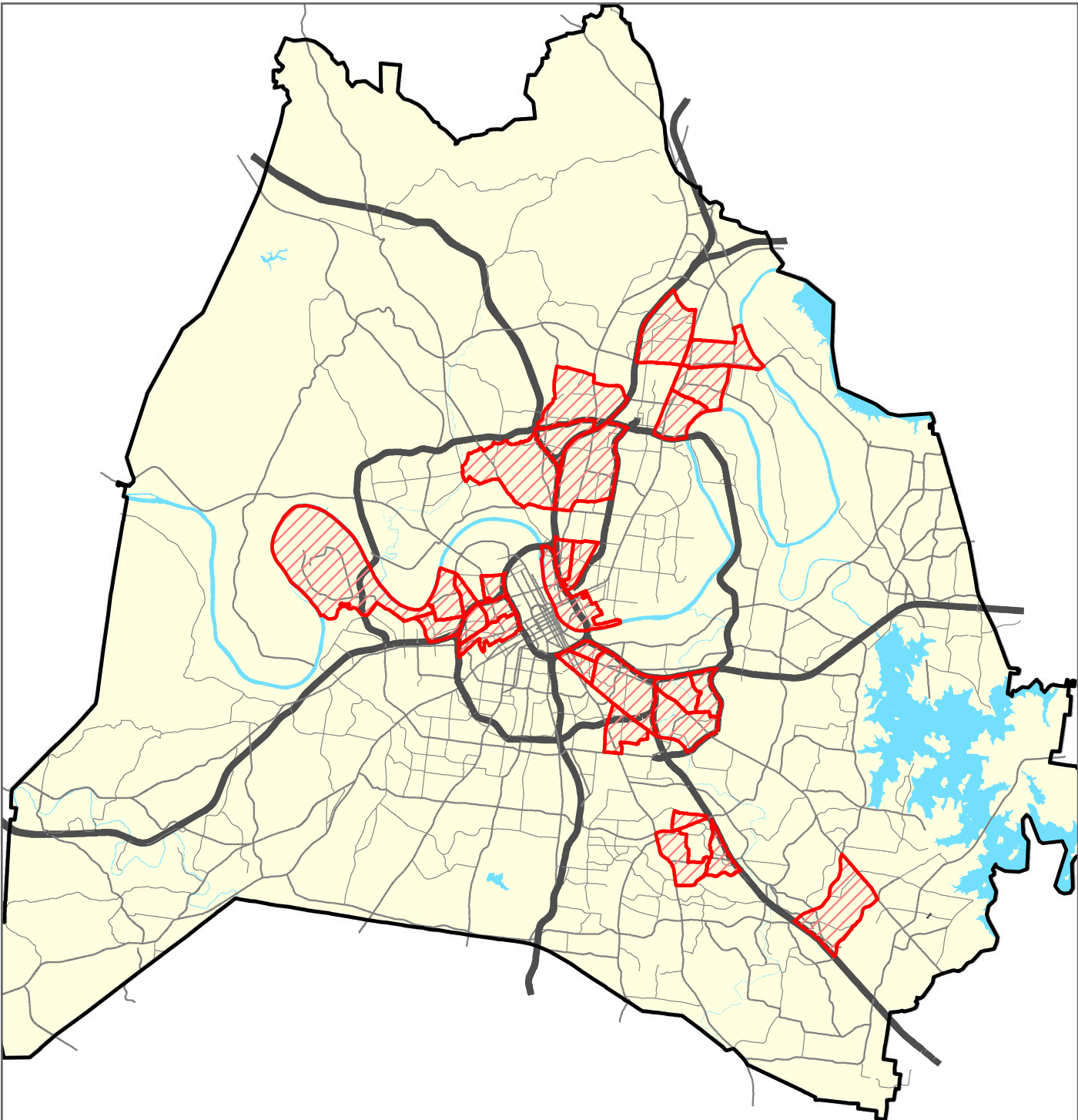


Method 2

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT TARGET AREAS

MDHA's focuses some Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG) into these areas, which reflect disparities in access to opportunity.

CRITERIA	DATA SOURCE
70% of families below 80% of HUD's Area Median Income	Planning Department calculation based on American Community Survey, 2012–2016 5-year estimates.
COVERAGE	Recalculating with a different 5-year estimate may produce slightly different tracts than are identified in MDHA's Consolidated Plan.
■ 29/141 Census Tracts.	
■ 15.3% of Davidson County's population.	

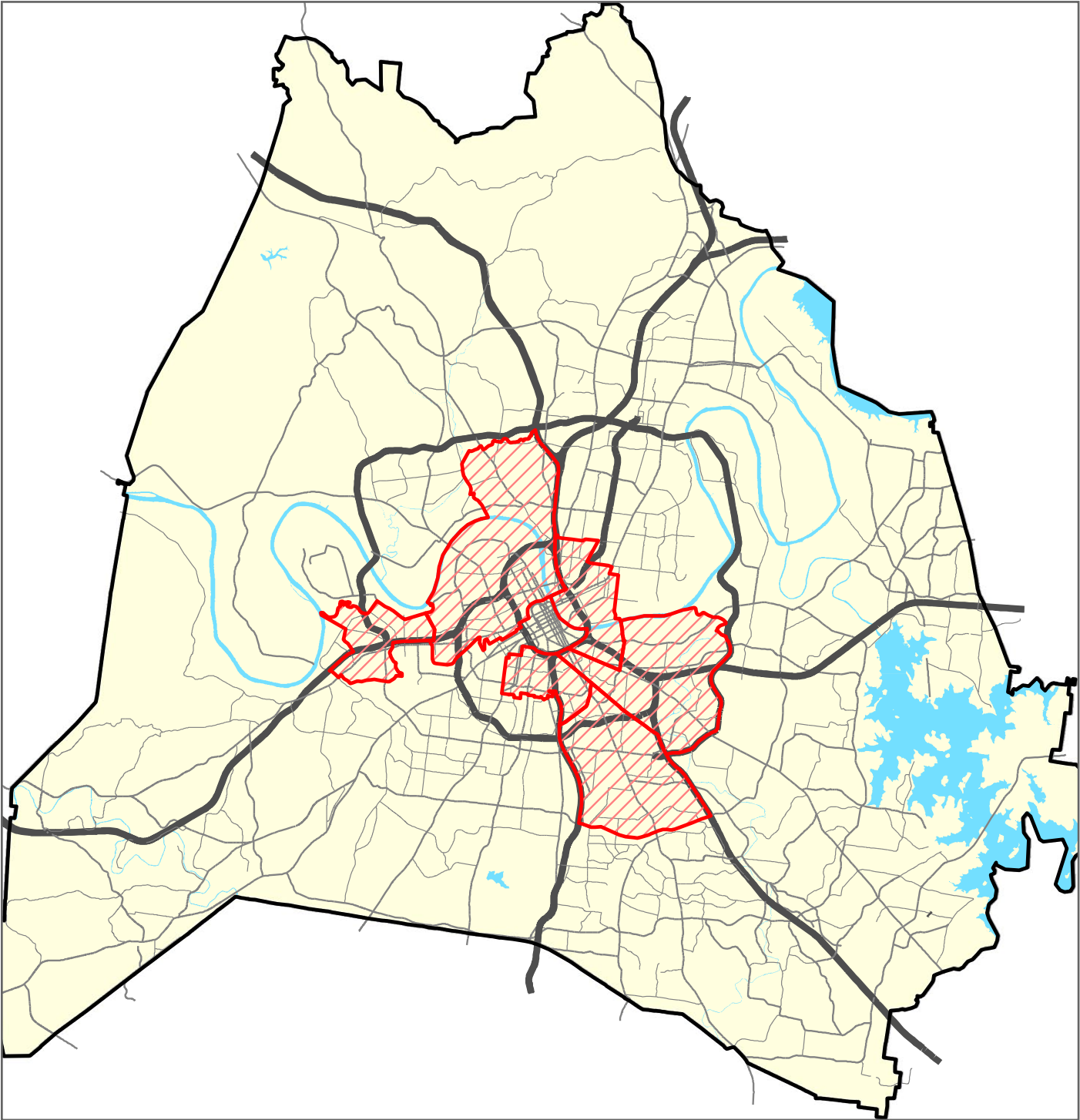


Method 3

PROMISE ZONE

Existing Promise Zone, based on 2016 grant application from MDHA and six implementation partners (one associated with each sub-zone).

CRITERIA	DATA SOURCE
Selected by grant partners	Selected by Promise Zone partners. Grant application highlights poverty levels, public housing developments, educational attainment, and exposure to violent crime.
COVERAGE	
■ 40/141 Census Tracts	
■ 19.1% of Davidson County's population	

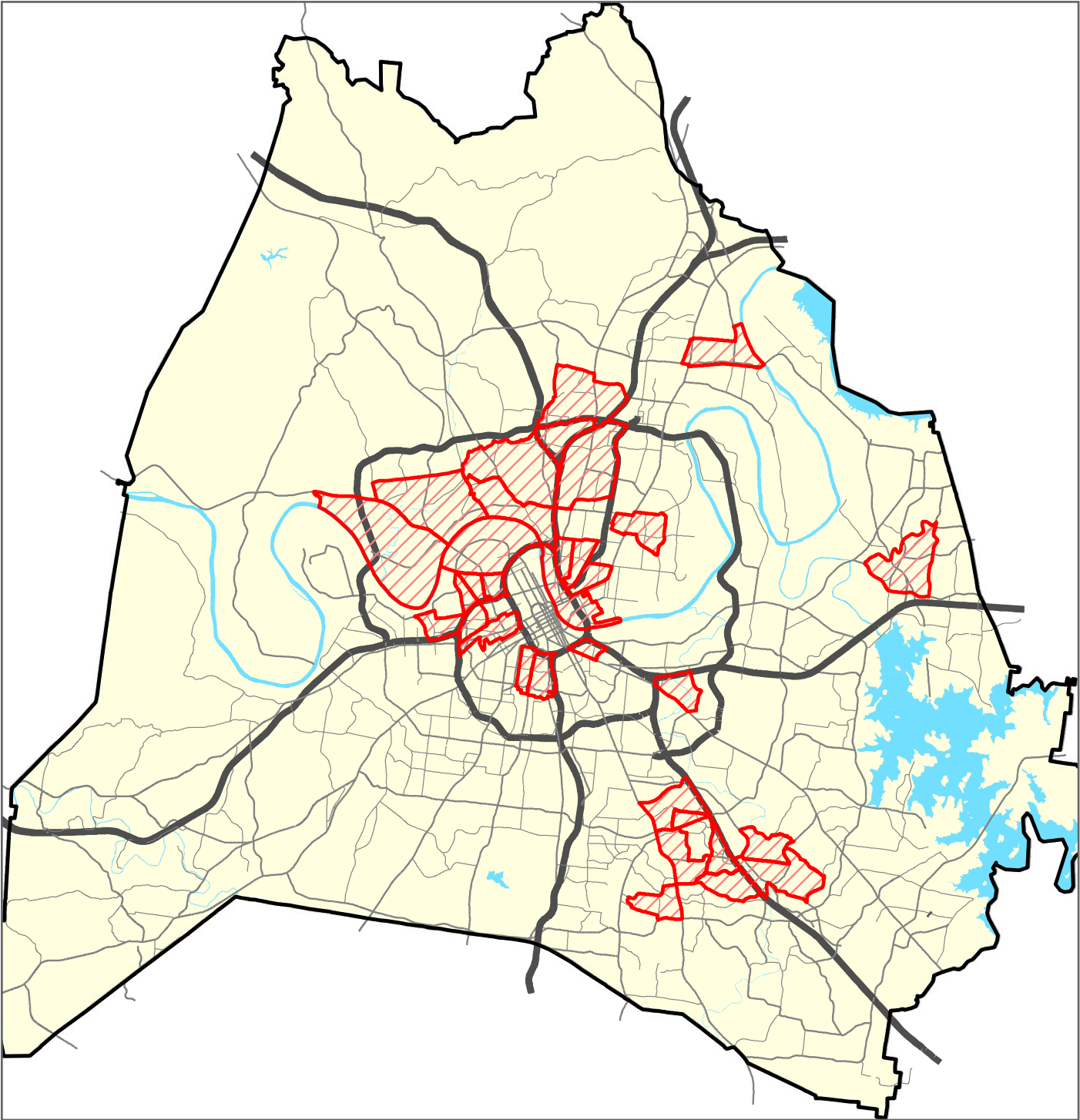


Method 4

MNPS STUDENTS QUALIFYING FOR FREE/REDUCED MEALS

Free and Reduced Meal (FARM) students attending Metro Nashville Public Schools as a % of total population.

CRITERIA	DATA SOURCE
20% of Census tracts with the highest percentage of FARM students	2018-19 MNPS student population qualifying for free/reduced meals, by home address. Tallied by Census tract by MNPS.
COVERAGE	
■ 33/141 Census Tracts	
■ 44.1% of FARM students	
■ 19.2% of Davidson County’s total population	

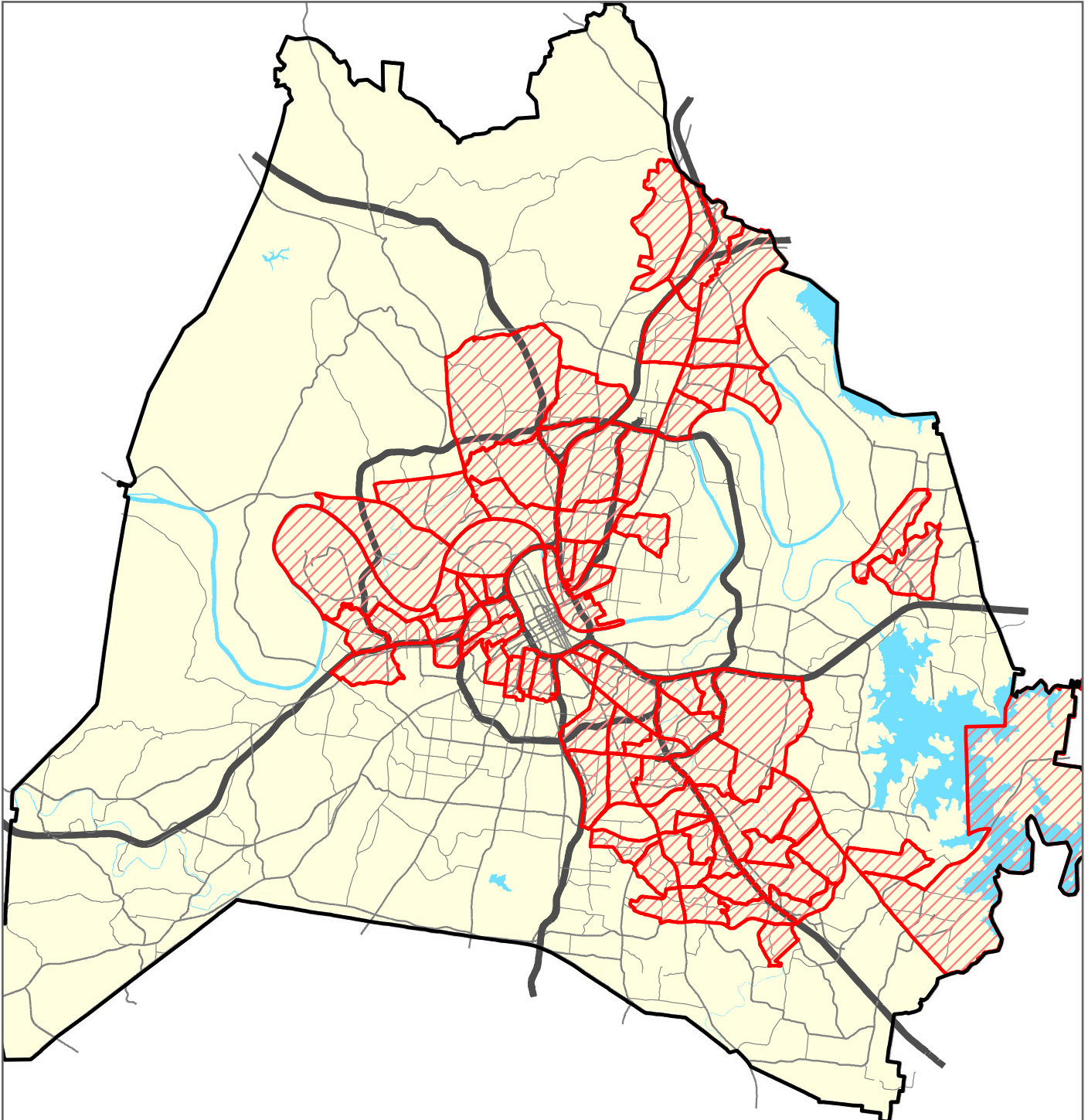


Method 5

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

FHWA Supplemental Guidance on the Determination of Economically Distressed Areas.

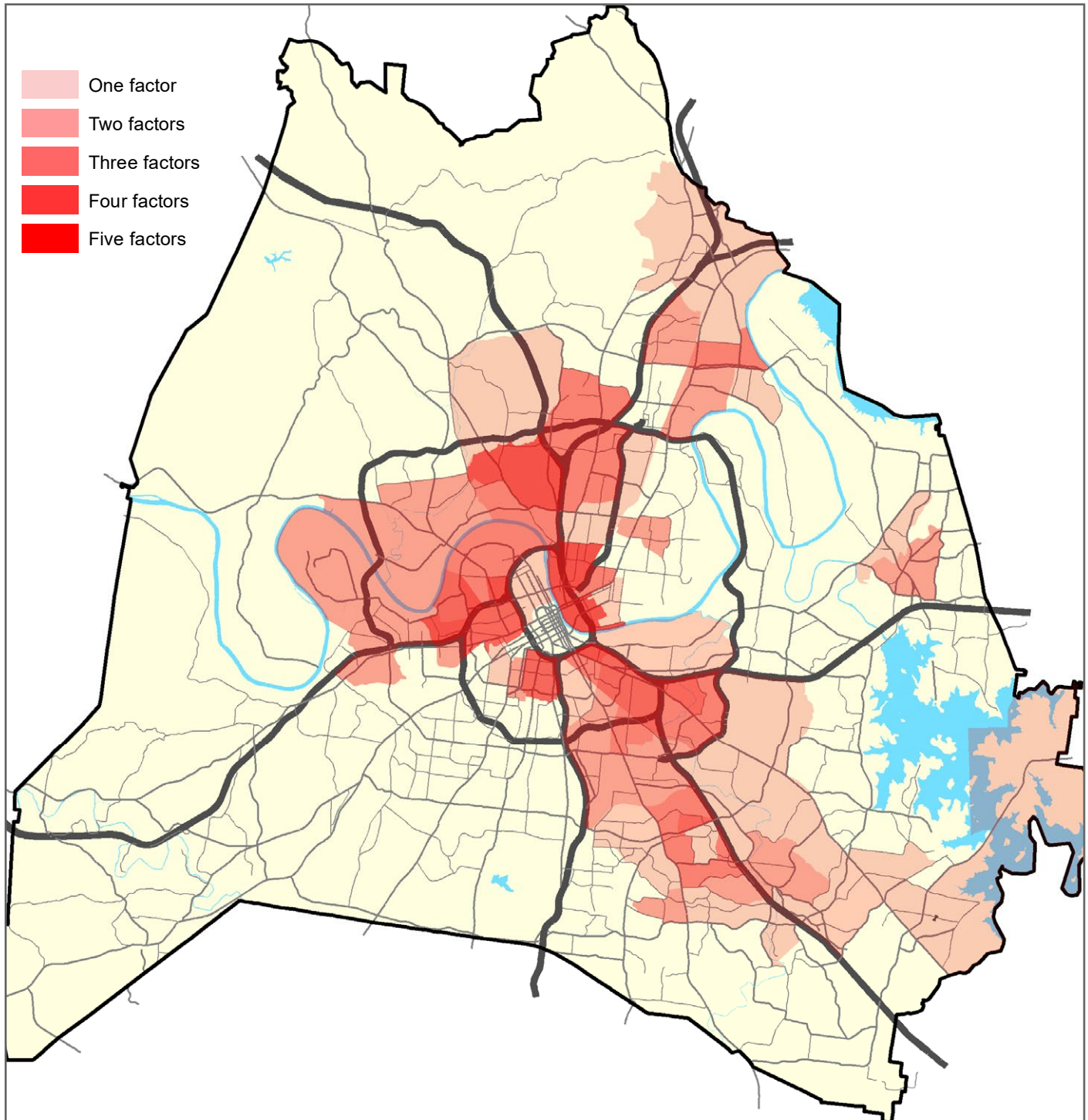
CRITERIA	DATA SOURCE
80% of national Per Capita Income OR an unemployment rate 1 percentage point higher than the national average	Planning Department calculation based on American Community Survey, 2012–2016 5-year estimates.
COVERAGE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 77/141 Census Tracts.■ 44.6% of Davidson County population.	



OVERLAY

COMBINATION OF ALL FACTORS

The map below shows how all five factors overlap to show areas identified by multiple approaches.



Comparisons

REVIEW OF SIMILAR OVERSIGHT BOARDS

Planning staff reviewed publicly available information on other cities' oversight boards to see how similar requirements were handled. So far, we have not identified particular methods for assessing and applying similar requirements. A list of other cities' requirements are below.

CITIES WITH REPRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Asheville, NC: Five of thirteen members represent different geographic areas.

Atlanta, GA: Four of thirteen members represent geographic areas of the city.

Cincinnati, OH: A diverse array of seven individuals, from a cross-section of the Cincinnati community.

Denver, CO: Diverse residents who are active within civic and community improvements.

Louisville, KY: Reflect the diversity of Louisville Metro.

Memphis, TN: Reflect the diversity of the city and county communities, as to race, gender, ethnicity, economic status, and sexual orientation.

Richland County, SC: Diverse cross-section of Richland County residents.

New York City, NY: Reflect the diversity of the city, with one representative from each borough.

Philadelphia, PA: Represent critical stakeholder interests from communities served by the Philadelphia Police Department.

St. Petersburg, FL: Thirteen-member, multi-racial group that reflects the representative composition of the City's population.

OTHER CITIES REVIEWED

Austin, TX

Charlotte, NC

Dallas, TX

Kansas City, MO

Knoxville, TN

Oakland, CA

St. Louis, MO